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TAGS: PORG, IS, UNESCO
SUBJECT: UNESCO: MISSION TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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1. THE UNESCO TEAM WHICH IS VISITING THE ISRAELI-
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ARRIVED IN ISRAEL NOVEMBER 30. IS-
RAELI EFFORTS TO AVOID PUBLICITY WERE POTENTIALLY THREATENED
WHEN THE TEAM ARRIVED AT BEN GURION AIRPORT AT APPROXI-
MATELY THE SAME TIME THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN RETURNED
FROM HIS VISIT TO GERMANY. APPARENTLY NONE OF THE
JOURNALISTS NOTED THE UNESCO GROUP AND WE HAVE SEEN
LITTLE MENTION IN THE ISRAELI PRESS OF THE VISIT.

2. AMBASSADOR RONN, MFA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, TOLD US DECEMBER 4 THAT
THE GROUP HAS VISITED THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND SINAI AND
HAS NOW STARTED ON A TWO-DAY VISIT TO VARIOUS IN-
STITUTIONS IN THE WEST BANK. HE SAID THE GROUP APPEARS
TO BE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRAM ARRANGED BY
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THE ISRAELIS. HE CHARACTERIZED THEIR FIRST MEETING
AS "HARSH", BUT SAID THEY THEN REALIZED ISRAEL HAD
INDEED DONE ITS BEST TO ARRANGE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM,
PROVIDE MATERIALS AND SET UP APPOINTMENTS WITH A BROAD
RANGE OF INDIVIDUALS BOTH FROM THE GOI AND THE
TERRITORIES. THERE IS NO PLAN AT PRESENT FOR THEM
TO MEET WITH DAYAN.

3. RONN SAID IT APPEARED LIKELY THE GROUP WOULD FINISH AT THE END OF THIS WEEK AND THEN WOULD VISIT THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES INCLUDING, HE ASSUMES, A VISIT WITH THE PLO. THE GROUP MAY THEN WISH TO VISIT THE TERRITORIES AGAIN BUT THE GOI HAS MADE NO DECISION YET ON THAT POSSIBILITY. HE SAID THE GROUP APPEARED TO HAVE RATHER VAGUE NOTIONS, NOT ONLY OF WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE TERRITORIES, BUT ALSO OF HOW TO PREPARE ITS REPORT.
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